

**Joseph Chew to George Washington, March 10, 1774,
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FROM JOSEPH CHEW, ESQ.

JOHNSON HALL March, 10th 1774

DEAR SIR

though it is a long time since I have had the Pleasure of writing to you, it is not so, with Respect of my inquiries of your health and Happiness and the accounts my Lord Sterling gave me last summer were very agreeable his Lordship informed me he spent Some time with you in Virginia Very Happily

I am informed my Lord Dumore is now Granting lands to the Officers who served in the Virga. Regiments during last war—my Poor Brother Colbys Services and Misfortune¹ will I should think indebt his heir who I am to a Grant, and as it is Very inconvenient for me to attend Upon his Lordship my Self I have desired my friend and Relation Mr. Madison to make the application and for fear of any Objections my Excellent friend and Benefactor Sir William Johnson has wrote a few Lines to my Lord on the subject I flater my Self I may Claim your favour and friendship in this Matter, and the more so when I inform you that for some years I have met with such Losses and Misfortunes that I have been oblinded to begin the world anew, and have fixed upon this part of the Country for no other Reason than the Continuance and Favour of Sir William, I am sure if a Grant is Obtained in my

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favour you will Extend your kindness and give Mr. Madison your Advice where to make the survey

I should be Very Happy to have the Honour of a few Lines from you and know your sentiments of the New Government on the Ohio, which I believe gives the Indians much uneasiness as they are more in fear of our Countrymen than all the Rest of the Colonies, and therefore dread their Neighbourhood—I wish the Breach that's made to the southward may not Extend further to the North. I am sure Sir William is much afraid of it and takes Every step he possibly Can to prevent it

I know your goodness will Excuse this Liberty in an unfortunate old Acquaintance who is with the greatest Esteem Respect and best Wishes for your Happiness

Dear sir Your most Obedt. Hble Servt. JOS CHEW

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